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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Lucarelli et al.

Application No.: Continuation Application of 09/232,310 Art Unit: 1711
(Filed January 15, 1999)

Filed: Herewith

Examiner: U.K. Rajguru

For: **POWDER COATING COMPOSITION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the "Background of the Invention" Section and before the "Field of the Invention" Section, please replace the cross-reference section beginning at Page 2, line 2, in its entirety, as shown:

-- This application is a continuation of non-provisional U.S. Application Serial No. 09/232,310, filed January 15, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/071,609, filed January 16, 1998, the specifications of which are incorporated in their entireties by reference. --